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Overview

Minnesota law requires a housing and redevelopment authority (sections 469.001 to 469.047) to require competitive bidding on all construction work and for every purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials that is necessary to carry out the purposes of the housing and redevelopment authority (section 469.015).

Current law establishes three exceptions to the competitive bidding requirement. This bill would establish a fourth exception so that, under certain circumstances, a housing and redevelopment authority need not require competitive bidding for facilities built to facilitate the operation of or encourage the use of public transit.

Section

- 1** **Exceptions.** States that, until August 1, 2009, a housing and redevelopment authority need not require competitive bidding on construction work and purchases with respect to a facility built to facilitate the operation of or encourage the use of a public transit facility if:
- The facility is constructed in conjunction with a development and is either directly above or below the development; and
 - Either (1) the work or purchases are financed with the proceeds of tax increment or parking ramp general obligation or revenue bonds; or (2) at least 60 percent of the construction cost is being financed with federal funding.

